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For: STABLE NON-AQUEOUS )  
SINGLE PHASE VISCOUS )  
VEHICLES AND FORMULATIONS )  
UTILIZING SUCH VEHICLES )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

To: Director of the USPTO  
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action (paper number 15) mailed August 31, 2001, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response thereto. This response is being placed in express mail on or before the six-month extended statutory period. A Petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) are filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 14, 15, 30, 39, 40, 41, and 42 as follows.

1. [Twice Amended] A stable non-aqueous single phase biocompatible viscous vehicle comprising two components selected from the group consisting of solvent, surfactant, and polymer, wherein the two components are not [of] the